

Forrest does disclose a mounting member in which an optical fiber is inserted. However, the mounting member of Forrest does not transmit light.

The claimed feature of the mounting member having a property of transmitting light is supported in the specification beginning at least at page 8, line 22 as the glass mounting substrate 10.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 17 and 18 are distinguishable over the applied art. The remaining claims, which depend from claims 1, 4, 17 and 18, are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed as well as for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this Application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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